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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 1, 2003, please take the following remarks into consideration.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action of August 1, 2003, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over German reference 4029058 to Mezger in view of the patent to Mezger '203.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Mezger in view of Mezger, and further in view of German reference 3837256 to Zink. Claims 25-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Mezger in view of Mezger, and further in view of the patent to Kraus.

Finally, it is noted that claims 16-24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims originally filed differ essentially and in an unobvious, highly advantageous manner from the constructions disclosed in the references.

Turning now to the references, and particularly to German reference 4029058 to Mezger, it can be seen that this reference discloses a drive unit for a race car. This reference does not